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SUBJECT: GAO VISIT

REF: FRANKFURT 6886 (NOTAL)

1. CONCUR GAO AUDITOR VISIT, BUT AM
PUZZLED BY INTENTION EXAMINE NOUAKCHOTT WHARF FACILITIES,
WHICH NOT USED RECEIVE PL-480 SHIPMENTS SINCE 1973. ALL
BUT ABOUT 1800 MT OF SOME 60,000 MT US PL-480 SO FAR
LANDED IN MARUITANIA HAS BEEN SHIPPED TO DAKAR IN BULK
FOR BAGGING AND THENCE OVERLAND BY TRUCK TO ROSSO,
MARUITANIA. SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT GAO TEAM TRAVEL
BY GOV TO ROSSO, WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY EMBOFF, INSPECT
RECEIVING/STORAGE FACILITIES.

2. OVERLAND TRAVEL TO KIFFA POSSIBLE, BUT ROUND TRIP
FROM NOUAKCHOTT WILL TAKE ABOUT EIGHT DAYS BY LANDROVER
OVER UNIMPROVED TRACKS. SUGGEST AUDITORS CONSIDER
AIRCRAFT CHARTER WHICH WOULD SPEED TRAVEL TO KIFFA
AND OTHER ISOLATED PROVINCIAL CENTERS AS WELL. CHARTER
COSTS APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 200 PER HOUR FOR FIVE-
PASSENGER AIRCRAFT. WILL NEED FISCAL DATA COVER EITHER
OVERLAND OR AIR TRAVEL.

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3. BECAUSE OF HEAVY INFLUX AID AND UN TRAVELLERS
DURING NOVEMBER, SUGGEST AUDITORS FIX FIRM ETA SOONEST
IN ORDER ASSURE AVAILABILITY BOTH RESPONSIBLE GIRM
OFFICIALS AND HOTEL SPACE.

4. FYI. GIRM MAINTAINS NO RPT NO CAMPS FOR DISPLACED
DROUGHT VICTIMS. IT IS, HOWEVER, POSSIBLE TO VISIT
THE TENTS OF NOMADS (MANY OF WHOM HAVE LOST THEIR HERDS
AS THE RESULT OF DROUGHT) WHICH SURROUND NOUAKCHOTT AND
OTHER WELL-WATERED URBAN AREAS. END FYI. SHURTLEFF

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